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On 14 January 1953, a rocket launcher battalion attached to the East China Military Area Command arrived in Shanghai via the Peiping-Shanghai railroad and proceeded southward towards Chekiang.¹ The battalion was equipped with 27 rocket launchers, each with nine shooting barrels,² mounted on cars.

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1. Comment. This is the first report of Chinese Communist rocket launcher units in East China known to this office. Rocket launcher units have been previously reported in North China and Korea.

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2. Comment. Probably these are Soviet M-13 132-mm rocket launchers which, with eight launching rails firing 16 rockets, could easily be mistakenly observed as having nine "shooting barrels."

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reported a Soviet rocket launcher with nine tubes in Korea in March 1952.

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